GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department — Guntur Municipal Corporation – Allegations of irregularities and misuse of official position and corruption against concerned officials of Guntur Municipal Corporation- Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Charges framed - Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of " withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.196 **Dated.14.02.2024.**

Read the following:

1) From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No 06 /RE-VGT/2013-S,17, dt.16.07.2014.
2) From D.G.,ACB, A.P., Hyd Lr.Rc.Nos.06/RE-VGT/2013-S.17, dt. .09.2014.
3) G.O.Rt.No.839, M.A. & U.D. Dept., dated 28.10.2014.
4) WSD of Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, GMC, dt.12.01.2015.
5) From the G.A. (COI-R) Dept., U.O.Note No.15/COI-R/2018, dated.27.03.2019.
6) G.O.Rt.No.349, MA&UD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.13.05.2019.
7) Inquiry Report received from COI, AP, Hyderabad in D.O.Lr.No.78/COI-JS/2019, dt.18.10.2021.
8) Govt. Memo.No.11422/Vig.II/2014, dated 24.02.2022.
9) Written representation of Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, GMC, dt.09.05.2022.
10) GO.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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O R D E R:-

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, ACB, A.P., submitted a Regular Enquiry Report on the allegations of irregularities and misuse of official position and corruption etc., against Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer and others of Guntur Municipal Corporation and requested to take departmental action against concerned officials of Municipal Corporation, Guntur.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, Article of Charges were framed against Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur Municipal Corporation and directed him to submit written statement of defence under Rule 20 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991.

3. The charged officer submitted his written statement of defence vide reference 4th read above. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence, after following due procedure, the Government vide reference 6th read above, appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), COI., as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur Municipal Corporation.

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4. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 7th read above. The Inquiry Authority held that the charge framed against the charged officer is held proved.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur Municipal Corporation with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. The charged officer has submitted the written representation vide reference 9th read above, among others requested to drop further action against him.

6. Government have examined the written representation of the Charged Officer; keeping in view the findings of Inquiry Authority and found that the said charged officer could have taken permission from the Dist.Collector, Guntur while purchasing tyres from M/s.Sruthi Tyres, Guntur instead of M/s.APS Agros Development Corporation, Guntur, deviating the said instructions in force. But he failed to do so. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur Municipal Corporation.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Sri K. Santhi Raju, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur Municipal Corporation.

8. The Engineer-in-chief (Public Health), A.P., Tadepalli shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Engineer-in-chief (Public Health) , A.P., Tadepalli.
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SECTION OFFICER.